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SUBJECT: NEW TARIFF QUOTAS ON TEXTILE IMPORTS INTO AUSTRALIA

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1. GOA EMBASSY SOURCE ADVISED DEPARTMENT MARCH 5 THAT GOA

IMPOSED ADDITIONAL, FAR REACHING TARIFF QUOTAS ON APPAREL
TEXTILE IMPORTS, EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 1975. WE UNDERSTAND
APPAREL ITEMS AFFECTED INCLUDE MEN'S AND BOYS' SUITS, MEN'S
AND BOYS' OVERCOATS, MEN'S AND BOYS' WALKING SHORTS,

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WOMEN'S AND GIRLS' OUTER GARMENTS, DRESSING GOWNS, AND

SWIM WEAR. ACCORDING GOA EMBASSY, BOTH QUOTA AMOUNTS AND SECOND TIER TARIFFS ARE QUOTE INCREDIBLE UNQUOTE, AND IF OUR INFORMATION IS REASONABLY ACCURATE, THIS NEW SERIES OF TARIFF QUOTAS IS PROHIBITIVE IN THE EXTREME.

2. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO PROVIDE DEPARTMENT AND GENEVA WITH TEXT MARCH 4 GOA PRESS RELEASE CONTAINING ACTUAL ITEMS COVERED BY ACTION AS WELL AS OTHER DETAILS INCLUDING TARIFF NUMBERS INVOLVED, QUANTITATIVE AMOUNT PERMITTED ENTRY BEFORE SECOND TIER TARIFF TAKES EFFECT, ALLOCATION AMONG IMPORTERS, ETC.

3. WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THE GOA SPOKESMAN STATED THAT OTHER SIMILAR TARIFF QUOTA ACTIONS ON TEXTILE AND APPAREL ITEMS MAY BE FORTHCOMING IN NEAR FUTURE. ANY INDICATION THE EMBASSY CAN LEARN CONCERNING WHAT MAY BE INVOLVED IN SUCH SUBSEQUENT MEASURES WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

4. MARCH 4 GOA ACTION MAY HAVE BEARING ON TSB AND GATT DISCUSSION REFTEL, AND HENCE EARLY EMBASSY RESPONSE WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED. INGERSOLL

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